

**Remarks**

Claims 22-30 are pending in the present application. By this reply, claims 31-39 have been cancelled. Claims 22 and 26 are independent claims.

**35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection**

Claims 31-39, as set forth in the last Office Action, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because claims 31-39 are directed to a recording medium storing transport stream being composed of one or more predetermined units.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 31-39 have been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and earnestly solicit an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No.

40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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